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**SACRAMENTO COUNTY WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
CONSPIRACY, FELONY BANK FRAUD AND AGGRAVATED I.D. THEFT**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that NORA ANN SAINZ, 43, of Sacramento, California, pled guilty today before United States District Judge Edward J. Garcia to three felony offenses related to her scheme to steal money from the Golden One Credit Union by means of fraud and identity theft.

This case is the product of extensive investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, NORA SAINZ, from 2002 through 2005, engaged in a scheme with her estranged husband, fugitive RICARDO SAINZ, to commit bank fraud and credit application fraud. Using stolen Social Security numbers, NORA SAINZ fraudulently obtained credit union membership, obtained checking accounts, and loans. The loss in this case is at least \$33,216.73, and according to the plea agreement, NORA SAINZ will make full restitution.

NORA SAINZ is scheduled to be sentenced on June 22, 2007. The maximum penalty she faces is 37 years imprisonment, with a minimum term of two years incarceration for her use of another's identification (SSN) to commit her conspiracy, bank and credit application fraud offenses. She also faces a five year term of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$1,500,000.

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